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Ravalli County Commissioners
215 South 4th Street
Hamilton, Montana 59840

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Re: Mary Thomas who resides at 1101 South 4th Street

Dear Commissioners:

I have been contacted by an old friend of mine who has a problem with her neighbor's infringement on the county's road. The friend is Susan Johnson, who lives to the south of Ms. Thomas. The problem is that Ms. Thomas has planted trees and shrubs in the right-of-way. To make matters a little worse, she has also placed decorative rocks in the right-of-way.

These obstructions adversely effect snow removal and force her visitors to park in the road itself, as opposed to parking in the right-of-way. The trees will soon grow and obstruct the view of Ms. Johnson and her husband when they back onto the street, which is dangerous to them and the public.

Ms. Johnson has called both the City of Hamilton, and Ravalli County road department. She has gotten no satisfactory response. If you could look into this matter and see what the proper solution is I would be in your debt. If I am mistaken in any regard - please advise me of my error.

Respectfully,


Jim Shockley

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cc: Ms. Johnson
Political file
Road and Bridge Department
Ms. Thomas